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**ANNUAL REPORT**

of the  
**Medical Officer of Health**  
for  
**1947**

together with the  
**Report of the Sanitary Inspector**

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# Rural District Council of Sevenoaks

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## REPORT

For the Year 1947 on the  
Sanitary Conditions and  
Vital Statistics of the Rural  
District of Sevenoaks  
by the  
Medical Officer of Health

# Rural District Council of Sevenoaks

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## HEALTH REPORT FOR 1947.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my Annual Health Report for the year 1947, this being the twenty-fifth submitted by me as your Medical Officer of Health.

The population of the District as estimated by the Registrar-General for mid-year was 31,410, as compared with 30,560 last year.

The Birth Rate for the year was equal to 19·5 per thousand of population, as compared with 19·6 last year.

A decrease took place in the Death Rate, this being equal to 11·3 per thousand of population, as against 12·4 last year.

The Infantile Mortality Rate of 26 per thousand registered births was a similar Rate to that of last year.

During the year 334 Certificates of Notification of Infectious Disease were received, as against 287 last year. This increase is mainly due to a larger number of cases of Measles being notified.

This will be the last Annual Report which I shall be presenting as your Medical Officer of Health.

May I express my most hearty thanks to all members of the Council, past and present, and to all members of the Public Health Department, past and present.

The continued and kindly help I have received from everyone has assisted me to spend 25 very happy years in the service of the Council.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. N. CAVE,  
Medical Officer of Health.



# Rural District Council of Sevenoaks

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P. J. CHERRY, C.R.S.I.

E. J. A. BETTLE, M.R.S.I., M.R.I.P.H. (also Salvage Officer).

### **Additional Sanitary Inspector:**

A. D. LOFTS, M.R.S.I.

### **General Assistant Sanitary Inspectors:**

T. E. OSBORNE (Temporary—Resigned 4th October, 1947).

F. P. CAGE (Temporary).

### **Chief Clerk:**

R. H. TERRY.

### **Assistant Clerk:**

Mrs. D. C. NEATE (Temporary).

STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	62,959
Registrar-General's estimate of population, mid-1947	...	...	...	...	...	31,410
Number of occupied houses, December, 1947	...					9,266
Rateable Value, December, 1947	...	...	...			£209,404
Sum represented by a penny rate, December, 1947						£825

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births:	Total	M.	F.	Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population.
Legitimate ...	580	291	289	
Illegitimate ...	33	21	12	
	613	312	301	19.5

				Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births.
Stillbirths ...	11	8	3	17.0

				Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population.
Deaths ...	356	192	164	11.3
Deaths from puerperal causes:	Nil.			

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All infants per 1,000 live births (16)	...	...	...	26
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births (15)	...			25
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births (1)				30
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	55
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...		1

## VITAL STATISTICS.

**Births.**—During the year 613 Births were registered as belonging to this District, of which number 312 were males and 301 females. This is equal to an Annual Birth Rate of 19·5 per thousand of population, as against 19·6 last year.

**Deaths.**—The number of Deaths registered as belonging to the District was 356 (192 males and 164 females). This gives a Death Rate of 11·3 per thousand of population, as compared with 12·4 last year.

**Infant Deaths.**—During the year 16 Deaths were registered as occurring in Infants under one year of age, the Infantile Mortality Rate being equal to 26 per thousand registered births, this being the same Rate as last year.

					Sevenoaks Rural District.	England and Wales.
Birth Rate	...	...	...	...	19·5	20·8
Death Rate	...	...	...	...	11·3	12·0
Infantile Mortality Rate	...	...	...	...	26	41

# **BIRTH-RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH-RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY and CASE-RATES for Certain Infectious Diseases in the Year 1947.**

	England and Wales	126 County Boro's and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns Resident Popula- tions 25,000 to 50 000	London Administrative County	Sevenoaks Rural District
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population					
<b>BIRTHS:</b>					
Live ... ..	20.5†	23.3	22.2	22.7	19.5
Still ... ..	0.50†	0.62	0.54	0.49	—
<b>DEATHS:</b>					
All Causes ... ..	12.0†	13.0	11.9	12.8	11.3
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—
Scarlet Fever ... ..	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	—
Diphtheria ... ..	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	—
Influenza ... ..	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.09
Smallpox ... ..	0.00	0.00	0.00	—	—
Measles ... ..	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	—
Rates per 1,000 Live Births					
Deaths, all causes, under one year of age ... ..	41	47	36	37	26
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under two years of age ... ..	5.8	8.0	3.7	4.8	1.6
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population					
<b>NOTIFICATIONS:</b>					
Typhoid Fever ... ..	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	—
Paratyphoid Fever ... ..	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ... ..	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.03
Scarlet Fever ... ..	1.37	1.54	1.37	1.31	0.76
Whooping Cough ... ..	2.22	2.41	2.02	2.80	—
Diphtheria ... ..	0.13	0.15	0.14	0.14	—
Erysipelas ... ..	0.19	0.21	0.18	0.22	0.50
Smallpox ... ..	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	—
Measles ... ..	9.41	9.13	9.58	5.29	5.76
Pneumonia ... ..	0.79	0.83	0.68	0.64	0.98
Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births					
Puerperal Fever ... ..	7.16	8.99	6.27	1.21	1.6
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..				6.94	

\* A dash (—) signifies that there were no deaths.

† Rates per 1,000 total population.



## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following Table shows the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year, together with the number removed to Hospital and the total deaths:

Disease	Number notified	Removed to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	24	16	...
Erysipelas	16	...	...
Cebro-spinal Fever	1	1	...
Pneumonia	31	...	16
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	...	...
Measles	181	...	...
Dysentery	2	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis	12	11	1
Whooping Cough	68	...	...
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>

## IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following are the details of the work done at the Council's Immunisation Clinic during the year:

Number of children immunised, under 5 years ...	366
over 5 years ...	60

Number of boosting doses given ...	...	...	...	275
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# OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

No cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were notified during the year.

# TUBERCULOSIS.

The following Table shows the number of new cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year, together with the number of deaths registered:

	Notified			Deaths		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary	28	20	48	4	6	10
Non-Pulmonary	8	7	15	1	...	1
<b>Totals</b>	36	27	63	5	6	11

Treatment for cases of Tuberculosis is under the control of the Kent County Council, and during the year the following number of patients have received treatment:

Number receiving sanatorium treatment	...	...	38
Number receiving dispensary treatment	...	...	47
Dispensary supervision only	...	...	102

## **PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS.**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, Section 176.**

No action was required under the above during the year.

### **LABORATORY WORK.**

The Kent County Laboratory, Maidstone, carries out the bacteriological work in connection with this District.

During the year the following number of specimens have been examined:

	Negative	Positive	Total
Swabs for Diphtheria	1	—	1
Sputa for Tubercle	—	19	19
Faeces for Dysentery	—	1	1
Swabs for Staphylococcus	—	1	1
Faeces for Salmonella	—	3	3
Barielly	—	3	3
Totals...	1	24	25

### **ISOLATION HOSPITALS.**

The Isolation Hospitals serving this District are the North and South Isolation Hospitals. The South Isolation Hospital is at present closed, but is available in an emergency.

During the year 14 cases of Scarlet Fever were admitted.

The North Isolation Hospital was closed on 31st December, 1947.

### **DRAINAGE.**

There were no extensions to the public sewers carried out during the year.

## CESSPOOL EMPTYING SERVICE.

A scheme for the emptying of cesspools was put into operation by the Council in February, 1936. The cesspool contents are disposed of by spreading over farm land at certain selected points (with the intensive cultivation of land the number of disposal points has been materially reduced). It is gratifying to be able to report that no complaints were received during the year under review. An increase in the number of cesspools emptied has again taken place, and it has again been necessary for an appreciable amount of overtime to be worked. The total number of cesspools emptied during the year amounted to 1,661, an increase of 148 over the preceding year.

Details of the work carried out are set below:—

Total number of cesspools emptied	...	...	...	...	...	1,661	
Number of loads	...	...	...	...	...	2,999	
Gallons of sewage	...	...	...	...	...	2,713,750	
Miles travelled	...	...	...	...	...	11,339	
Petrol consumed—gallons	...	...	...	...	...	2,127	
Number of working days	...	...	...	...	...	295½	
Cesspools emptied per day	...	...	...	...	...	5.62	
Petrol per day	...	...	...	...	...	7.19	
M.P.G. for CKL 761	...	...	...	...	...	4.6	
M.P.G. for GKT 478	...	...	...	...	...	5.78	
						Free.	Charge.
Brasted	...	...	...	...	...	61	33
Chevening	...	...	...	...	...	26	8
Chiddingstone	...	...	...	...	...	42	3
Cowden	...	...	...	...	...	15	2
Dunton Green	...	...	...	...	...	8	1
Edenbridge	...	...	...	...	...	135	10
Halstead	...	...	...	...	...	166	9
Hever	...	...	...	...	...	57	13
Kemsing	...	...	...	...	...	130	20
Leigh	...	...	...	...	...	26	3
Penshurst	...	...	...	...	...	80	5
Otford	...	...	...	...	...	120	20
Riverhead	...	...	...	...	...	5	8
Weald	...	...	...	...	...	82	12
Seal	...	...	...	...	...	159	28
Shoreham	...	...	...	...	...	34	1
Sundridge	...	...	...	...	...	92	17
Westerham	...	...	...	...	...	116	93
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	—	21
						<hr/> 1,354	<hr/> 307

Total: 1,661.



## SANITARY STATISTICS.

No. of Houses connected to the sewer	No. of Houses not connected to the sewer	No. of Houses not provided with piped water supply	No. of wells still in use for purpose of domestic water supply
approx 5829	approx. 3522	873	approx. 270

## SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

W.C.'s	Pan or Pail Closets	Midden Privies	Ashpits separate from Midden Privies	Cesspools	
				No. of	No. of houses connected
approx. 8,677	650	39	approx. 50	2935	2530

## WATER SUPPLY.

The following extensions to the water mains were carried out during the year:

Westerham	...	...	428 yards of 4in. main.
Otford	...	...	116 yards of 5in. main.
Otford	...	...	305 yards of 3in. main.

## WATER SAMPLING.

Method of Examination.		Number taken.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Bacteriological .....	S	83	83	—
	N	25	24	1
Chemical .....	S	100	90	10
	N	15	13	2
Totals .....		223	210	13

The water supplied by the various Water Undertakings in the District have generally been satisfactory in quality and quantity. There was one instance in the Northern Area where supply by pipe was unsatisfactory in volume, but this was rectified by the Company supplying the water. In certain parts of this area also, complaints were lodged as to insufficiency of rainwater supplies in six cases.



All waters from piped supplies are examined monthly and a statement as to results obtained appears in the tabulated statement.

In most instances the piped water is chlorinated by the Companies.

In the Southern Area ten chemical samples were unsatisfactory, but the house in question is now in course of re-conditioning and supply will in future be made by East Surrey Water Company's main.

In the Northern Area, two chemical samples were unsatisfactory—one was from a well which has been repaired, the second one was from a rainwater tank which has now been cleansed.

The following Table gives particulars of the water supply to houses within the area:

Number connected to the Company's mains (approx )	...	9,151
Number supplied by wells or springs	... ..	115
Percentage supplied by water mains (approx.)	... ..	95 %
Percentage supplied by wells or springs	... ..	5 %
Houses supplied from standpipes	... ..	14

## REFUSE & SALVAGE COLLECTION.

The collection of house refuse and salvage is carried out by direct labour, four vehicles being employed. The re-conditioned lorry obtained in 1941 is still in use for salvage collection and also as a spare vehicle in case of emergency. Staff replacements have again caused difficulties, but the staff position has improved during the year and it is hoped the improvement will be maintained. No female labour is now employed in connection with the House Refuse and Salvage Services. Salvage collection has again received as much attention as current conditions would permit; 92 tons of general salvage was disposed of, the approximate receipts being £703, the income from the sale of salvage showing an increase of £107 above the amount received during the year 1946. It is of interest to note that since the inception of the scheme, 1,570 tons of salvage have been collected and the receipts for sales amounted to £6,730.

During the year under review a further house refuse collection vehicle was replaced, and delivery is awaited of the remaining vehicle on order.

Details of vehicles, etc., are as follows:

	* Bedford EKP 543	Bedford EKO 107	Dennis HKJ 978	Dennis HKP 10	Dennis JKT 676	Dennis GKR 500
Miles travelled ...	5,470	5,180	6,152	6,876	2,512	6,024
Petrol gallons ....	907	720	940	858	265	593
M.P.G. ....	6.03	7.19	6.54	8.01	9.48	10.16
Loads collected ...	469½	325	404½	391½	176	249½
Average weight per load—tons...	2	2	3	2	2	varying

\* EKP 543 sold to Transport Department 31/12/47.

JKT 676 came into commission September, 1947.

## HOUSING.

### 1.—Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

- (1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 454
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 454
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... 79
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 79
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 6
- (4) Number of houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation... 258

### 2.—Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 208

### 3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

- (a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:
  - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs *Nil*
  - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:
    - By owners ... *Nil*
    - By Local Authority in default of owners ... *Nil*



- (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:
- (1) Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 10
- Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:
- (a) By owners ..... 12 (2 over from 1946)
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners *Nil*
- (c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... .. 2
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... .. *Nil*
- (d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:
- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... .. 1
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... .. *Nil*

**4.—Housing Act, 1936, Part IV: Overcrowding.**

- (a) (i) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year ... .. (known) 49
- (ii) Number of families dwelling therein (approx.) 100
- (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein (approx.) 320
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... .. 20
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... .. (approx.) 75
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases (approx.) 250
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding: No cases have been reported or have come to our knowledge.

Number of new houses erected during the year:

By the Council	... ..	111
By other persons	... ..	53

## SANITARY STAFF.

Three full-time Sanitary Inspectors are employed by the Council, together with two unqualified assistants in the Northern Area.

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Maternity and Child Welfare work in this District is carried out by the Kent County Council.

The following Clinics and Centres have been established for this area:

### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

Address.	Days and Times.	Average attendance.
Chiddingstone: Village Hall...	1st and 3rd Thursdays, p.m. ...	24
Crockham Hill: " Lewins " ...	4th Fridays, p.m. ....	14
Dunton Green: Village Hall...	1st and 3rd Thursdays, p.m. ...	41
Edenbridge: Church House...	1st and 3rd Fridays, p.m. ....	40
Four Elms: Village Hall .....	2nd and 4th Wednesdays, p.m.	20
Halstead: Village Hall .....	1st and 3rd Thursdays, p.m. ...	31
Kemsing: St. Edith's Hall ...	Wednesdays, p.m. ....	33
Leigh: Village Hall .....	1st and 3rd Thursdays, p.m. ...	24
Markbeece: Village Hall .....	2nd and 4th Tuesdays, p.m. ...	20
Otford: Memorial Hall .....	Fridays, p.m. ....	32
Penshurst: Village Hall .....	1st and 3rd Wednesdays, p.m.	26
Seal: Village Hall .....	2nd and 4th Tuesdays; p.m. ...	15
Shoreham: Church Hall .....	2nd and 4th Thursdays, p.m....	16
Stone Street: St. Laurence Hall	2nd and 4th Fridays, p.m. ...	17
Sundridge and Brasted: Village Hall, Sundridge	1st and 3rd Tuesdays, p.m. ...	
Weald: Windmill Inn .....	2nd and 4th Wednesdays, p.m.	12
Westerham: Women's Inst....	1st and 3rd Thursdays, p.m....	43

### ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

Dunton Green: Village Hall...	2nd and 4th Thursdays, p.m....	8
Edenbridge: Church House...	1st Wednesdays .....	11
Kemsing: St. Edith's Hall ...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays, p.m. ...	
Otford: Memorial Hall .....	1st and 3rd Tuesdays .....	
Sundridge and Brasted: Village Hall, Sundridge	1st and 3rd Mondays, p.m. ...	9

### WOMEN'S WELFARE CLINIC.

Kemsing: St. Edith's Hall ...	5th Tuesdays, p.m. ....	
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## DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE.

The following are the particulars relating to the Domestic Help Service:

Number of cases helped during the year	...	...	22
Number of Domestic Helps on Register—			
Quarter ending 31st March	...	...	7
do. 30th June	...	...	8
do. 30th September	...	...	9
do. 31st December	...	...	11
Number of visits paid	...	...	208

## SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are four swimming baths and pools within the District.

During the year 19 inspections in the Northern Area and one in the Southern Area were made.

In the Southern Area the use of a swimming bath was commenced, but owing to structural defects with consequent leakage, the bath was only in use for one week.

In the Northern Area there are two public and one privately owned swimming baths. During the year four samples of water were examined, two of which were satisfactory. Arrangements were made for the chlorination of the water in the cases of the two unsatisfactory samples.

## ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

The number of houses found to be infested during the year was:

	Northern Area.	Southern Area.
Council houses	11	<i>Nil</i>
Other houses	7	1

Southern Area.—One private house was disinfested. Certain of the rooms at a girls' school were disinfested as a precautionary measure.

Northern Area.—11 Council and 7 private houses were disinfested. In one exceptional case the fumigation of two cottages was carried out by the Associated Fumigators Ltd. using Hydrogen Cyanide.

In all other cases Zaldecide, Sulphur candles and Fumites were found to be effective.

## FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

### 1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	34	42	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	105	115	11	—
(iii) Other Premises under the Act excluding out-workers ... ..	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL ... ..</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>—</b>

### 2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Numbers of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ... ..	—	2	—	2	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	8	—	5	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL ... ..</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>—</b>

# Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Sect, 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel:	1					
Making, etc. ... ..						
Cleaning and washing...						
Household linen ... ..						
Lace, lace curtains and nets ... ..						
Curtains and furniture hangings ... ..						
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate ... ..						
File Making ... ..						
Brass and brass articles...						
Fur pulling ... ..	1					
Iron and steel cables and chains ... ..						
Iron and steel anchors and grapnels ... ..						
Cart gear ... ..						
Locks, latches and keys...						
Umbrellas, etc. ... ..						
Artificial flowers ... ..						
Nets, other than wire nets						
Tents ... ..						
Sacks ... ..						
Racquet and tennis balls	1					
Paper bags ... ..						
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper ... ..						
Brush making ... ..						
Pea picking ... ..						
Feather sorting ... ..						
Carding etc. of buttons, etc. ... ..						
Stuffed toys ... ..						
Basket making ... ..						
Chocolates and sweet-meats ... ..						
Cosaques, Xmas crackets, Xmas stockings, etc. ...						
Textile weaving ... ..						
Lampshades ... ..	1					
TOTAL ... ..	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil



## NURSING FACILITIES.

The nursing facilities for this District are provided by the District Nursing Association, which is affiliated to the Kent Nursing Association.

## NURSING AND MATERNITY HOMES.

The powers under the Public Health Act, 1936, relating to Nursing and Maternity Homes have been delegated to the Council by the County Council.

There are two registered premises within the District, which provide 11 beds for general cases.

During the year 7 inspections were made.

## SUMMARY OF REGULATED TRADES.

	Number of Premises	Visits Paid	Defects.	
			Found.	Remedied.
Dairies ... ..	196	501	9	6
Cowsheds ... ..	200	503	14	10
Slaughterhouses ...				
Licensed ... ..	2	—	—	—
Registered ... ..	22	—	—	—
Bakehouses ... ..	23	72	2	2
Piggeries ... ..	5	9	1	1
Other food preparing places . . . . .	86	353	5	4
Factories ... ..	139	85	9	8
Workplaces ... ..				
Totals...	674	1523	40	31

## MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1936 to 1946.

During the year the Council granted the following number of licences:

Southern Area.—Two dealers' bottling licences in respect of milk not produced on the premises.

Northern Area.—Dealers' licences: Accredited 1, Tuberculin Tested 3.

Supplemental: Tuberculin Tested 1, Pasteurised 1.



## MILK INSPECTION.

The following Table shows particulars with respect to the number of samples of milk taken during the year, together with the results of the examinations:

Designation.	Number taken.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Tuberculin Tested (T.T.) .....	S. 106 N. 158	90 126	16 32
Accredited .....	S. 84 N. 17	68 16	16 1
Undesignated .....	S. — N. 1	— —	— 1
School Milk .....	S. Nil N. Nil		
T.T. for T.B. ....	S. 1 N. Nil	1 (Negative)	
Accredited for T.B. ....	S. 7 N. 2	7 2	do. do. Nil
Undesignated for T.B. ....	S. 6 N. 5	5 5	do. do. 1 (Positive)
Total .....	<u>387</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>67</u>

S.—Southern Area.      N.—Northern Area.

REMARKS.—In 10 cases Sterilising Plants were defective. During the year 7 bottles containing Designated Milk were broken in transit.

## MEAT INSPECTION.

The slaughtering of animals for human consumption is carried out at the Government Slaughterhouses at Seven-oaks and Tunbridge Wells.

During the year the following number of animals were slaughtered for private persons under licence issued by the Local Food Office:

Southern Area      ...    121 pigs

Northern Area      ...    41 pigs

In 17 instances one half of the carcasses were sold to butchers.

## MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTIONS.

During the year the following amounts of foodstuffs were condemned as being unfit for human consumption:

### SOUTHERN AREA.

#### Butchers' Meat:

Argentine Chilled Beef	...	...	...	...	255 lbs.
English Beef (Tongue)	...	...	...	...	7½ „
English Pork	...	...	...	...	22 „

#### Tinned Meats:

Corned Beef	...	...	...	...	46½ lbs.
Corned Mutton	...	...	...	...	29 „
Sausages	...	...	...	...	6 „
Sausage Meat	...	...	...	...	4 „
Meat Roll	...	...	...	...	4 „
Stewed Steak	...	...	...	...	2 tins

#### Other Tinned Foodstuffs:

Full Cream Milk	...	...	...	...	24 tins
Baked Beans	...	...	...	...	4 „
Peas	...	...	...	...	2 „
Tomatoes	...	...	...	...	2 „
Bartlett Pears	...	...	...	...	2 „
Plums	...	...	...	...	3 „
Peaches	...	...	...	...	1 tin

#### Fish:

Fresh Herrings	...	...	...	...	196 lbs.
Tinned Salmon	...	...	...	...	10 tins
Tinned Pilchards	...	...	...	...	6 „

#### Cereals and Packeted Foodstuffs:

Semolina	...	...	...	...	28 lbs.
Sponge Mixture	...	...	...	...	5 pkts.
Shredded Wheat	...	...	...	...	2 „
Cake Flour	...	...	...	...	12 „

#### Miscellaneous:

Table Jellies	...	...	...	...	8 pkts.
Orange Juice	...	...	...	...	1 tin

### NORTHERN AREA.

English Beef	...	...	...	3 cwts. 2 qtrs.
Imported Beef	...	...	...	4 cwts. 3 qtrs. 2 lbs. 4 ozs.
Corned Beef	...	...	...	1 cwt. 1 qtr 6 lbs. 4 ozs.
Corned Mutton	...	...	...	1 qtr. 8 lbs.
Fresh Fruit (Oranges)	...	...	...	1 qtr. 12 lbs.
Dried Fruits	...	...	...	3 cwt. 2 qtrs. 3 lbs.
Fish	...	...	...	17 stone
Bacon	...	...	...	2 qtrs.
Biscuits	...	...	...	13 lbs.

**Tinned Foods:**

Tomatoes ... ..	114	tins
Potatoes ... ..	55	"
Peas ... ..	54	"
Carrots ... ..	37	"
Beetroot ... ..	522	"
Asparagus ... ..	5	"
Beans ... ..	33	"
Fruit ... ..	70	"
Fish ... ..	784	"
Evaporated Milk ... ..	103	"
Condensed Milk ... ..	9	"
Jam ... ..	26	"
Meat ... ..	32	"
Corned Kernels... ..	70	"
Apple Sauce ... ..	249	"
Meat Paste ... ..	4	"
Miscellaneous Foods ... ..	8	"

**SHOPS ACTS.**

The work under the Shops Acts is carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors.

The following work has been carried out during the year:

Southern Area—62 inspections were made, and 1 written and 4 verbal notices were given.

Northern Area—61 inspections were made and 4 verbal notices given.

**CAMPING SITES.**

In the Southern Area 7 camping sites were in use, 3 licences in respect of 6 persons being granted. 25 inspections were made.

In the Northern Area 6 camping sites were in use. 33 inspections were made.

**SMOKE ABATEMENT.**

No action was necessary during the year.

**LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

In the Northern Area an Appeal against a Demolition Order was dismissed by the Sevenoaks County Court.

**ADOPTIVE ACTS AND BYELAWS.**

No Acts or Byelaws were adopted during the year.

## DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1947.

Disease	Males.	Females.	Total.
Typhoid Fever, ... ..	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Fever ... ..	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever... ..	..	...	...
Whooping Cough ... ..	...	...	..
Diphtheria ... ..	...	...	...
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	4	6	10
Other tuberculous diseases ... ..	1	...	1
Syphilitic diseases ... ..	3	...	3
Influenza ... ..	1	2	3
Measles ... ..	...	...	...
Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	1	...	1
Acute Infantile Encephalitis ... ..	...	...	...
Cancer of Bronchial Cavity ... ..	2	6	8
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	3	5
Cancer of the Breast ... ..	...	8	8
Cancer, all other forms ... ..	24	10	34
Diabetes ... ..	1	...	1
Intra cranial ves. lesions ... ..	16	23	39
Heart diseases ... ..	58	56	114
Other diseases of circulatory system	7	7	14
Bronchitis ... ..	7	6	13
Pneumonia ... ..	7	9	16
Other respiratory diseases .. ..	2	2	4
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	3	1	4
Diarrhoea, (under 2 years) ... ..	1	...	1
Appendicitis ... ..	1	...	1
Other digestive diseases ... ..	8	2	10
Nephritis ... ..	6	3	9
Post and post-abortive sepsis ... ..	...	...	...
Other maternal causes ... ..	...	...	...
Premature Birth ... ..	4	1	5
Congenital malformation and birth injury ... ..	4	3	7
Suicide ... ..	1	1	2
Road Traffic accidents ... ..	4	...	4
Other violent causes ... ..	3	5	8
All other causes ... ..	21	10	31
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ..	<b>192</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>356</b>











